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## Weekly update from the Association Administrator, Steph Tidy 01444-233431



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"As for God, His way is perfect:  
the Lord's word is flawless;  
He shields all who take refuge in Him."

2 Samuel 22:31

Diane Fanstone - funeral & thanksgiving service details:

Diane's Funeral Service is next Friday (17 August) at 12noon at Thameview Crematorium, Gravesend; followed on Saturday (18 August) by a Thanksgiving and Celebration Service for her life and ministry work alongside Michael and within SEBA (she service, at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Gravesend at 11,00am, and will be followed by lunch.

Everyone who knows or knew Diane and/or Michael is invited to either or both services. No flowers, please (only close family), but donations to Crohn's and Colitis UK. There is no need to wear dark clothing on either occasion, and especially Saturday.

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## Prayer requests

Please remember in your prayers those, across the Association, who are unwell or in need:

- Ray Avenell (Treasurer at Strood Gospel Mission Church) - Pray for Ray as he deals with the side-effects of the chemotherapy (for cancer in the bowel, abdomen and chest).
- Revd Jim Crompton (Retired Minister) - please pray for Jim, recovering from brain surgery.
- Revd Seyan Tills (Minister at Walmer Baptist Church) - **update** - it's been another eventful week for Seyan - he had an additional Cellulitis flare-up, after catching his legs on brambles last week. He's also back and forth to the hospitals and GP for further tests and checks. Please continue to pray that the medication will help to quickly disperse his Pulmonary Embolism; pray for his ongoing Parkinsons', and for all the other medical issues he has to deal with on a daily basis. Please continue to pray for the Fellowship at Walmer, as they support Seyan.
- Revd Bob Younger (retired) - please pray for Bob, some years ago Bob was diagnosed with mixed dementia (a combination of Alzheimer's and vascular dementia). The condition has advanced with time, and Bob, and his wife Pam, would value your prayer support.

If you would like your name added to the prayer list, please email me

[admin@seba-baptist.org.uk](mailto:admin@seba-baptist.org.uk)

*(Please note, the prayer list is in alphabetical order, and any new requests or updates are highlighted)*

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## SEBA Notices

### **SEBA holidays:**

Please note the following are on holiday in the next few weeks:

- SEBA Administrator, Steph Tidy (13-17 August)
- SEBA Youth Officer, Maeve Whitchurch (24-31 August) - please note Maeve is away at Soul Survivor from 17 August, until she starts her holiday

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**Voting papers - SEBA Treasurer:**

Please can you ensure that the voting papers for our new SEBA Treasurer (sent out electronically to Ministers & Church Secretaries) are returned by 31st August. If you have not received your copy, please contact Steph Tidy, who will happily sent out a replacement - 01444-233431 [admin@seba-baptist.org.uk](mailto:admin@seba-baptist.org.uk)

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**Are you looking to fill preaching spaces, or need someone to run your Church Weekend?**

Our Regional Team (Stuart, Paul, Jerry, Maeve and Penny) are available for bookings - you can find their contact details on the SEBA website '[How can we help? page](#)

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**An invite from Maeve:**

If you are going to Soul Survivor week B do feel free call by and drop in to see the SEBA group, we are going to be on Pink 5. There is always a welcome and a brew going so just call into the marquee and come visit.

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**Temporary contact details for Maeve:**

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07944 600871

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c/o 41 Saltings Way  
Upper Beeding  
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**South Eastern Baptist Women's Ministry:**

The SEBWM are currently without a Treasurer - their Chair, Kate Weekes is trying to cover it as best she can, but is struggling to even get new signatories for their bank

account. Kate has asked me to enquire whether there are any ladies out there who would consider joining their committee, or at least be available to attend their meetings. If you are interested in joining in - please can you email Kate direct, on [kate.weekes@gmail.com](mailto:kate.weekes@gmail.com) - thank you

## SEBA Training

### **Excellence in Safeguarding training:**

#### *Level 1 Excellence in Safeguarding*

- (All Age service version [8 minutes])  
A new Level 1 Excellence in Safeguarding film designed to be shown in all age services.  
[https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/513615/Level\\_1\\_Excellence.aspx](https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/513615/Level_1_Excellence.aspx)
- (Church Meeting version [4 minutes])  
A new Level 1 Excellence in Safeguarding film designed to be shown to your Church Meeting.  
[https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/514025/Level\\_1\\_Excellence.aspx](https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/514025/Level_1_Excellence.aspx)
- (Materials for Children and Young People)  
A new Level 1 Excellence in Safeguarding written material designed to be used with your children and young people.  
[https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/514026/Level\\_1\\_Excellence.aspx](https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/514026/Level_1_Excellence.aspx)

*Level 2 Excellence in Safeguarding (covering Children & Adults at Risk): [Level 2 is for the Minister, Trustees, Designated person for Safeguarding & all those who work with Adults at risk, Children & or young people. The course lasts 3 hours]*

- Saturday 8 September 2018 /// Crawley Baptist Church - 9.30am - cost £10 per space
- Saturday 15 September 2018 /// Farnham Baptist Church - 9.30am - cost £10 per space
- Saturday 6 October 2018 /// Ashford Baptist Church – 9.30am - cost £10 per space.

- Saturday 3 November 2018 /// Milford Baptist Church - 9.30am - cost £10 per space
- Saturday 10 November 2018 /// Crossways Community Baptist Church, Dorking - 9.30am- cost £10 per space
- Saturday 24 November 2018 /// Littlehampton Baptist Church - 9.30am- cost £10 per space
- Saturday 16 February 2019 /// Gillingham Baptist Church - 9.30am- cost £10 per space

*Level 3 Excellence in Safeguarding (covering Children & Adults at Risk): [Level 3 is for Ministers, Trustees & the Designated person for Safeguarding and all who lead groups with Adults at risk, Children & or young people. The course lasts 3 hours]*

- Saturday 15 September 2018 /// Farnham Baptist Church - 1.30pm- cost £10 per space
- Saturday 6 October 2018/// Ashford Baptist Church – 1.30pm - cost £10 per space.
- Saturday 3 November 2018 /// Milford Baptist Church - 1.30pm- cost £10 per space
- Saturday 10 November 2018 /// Crossways Community Baptist Church, Dorking - 1.30pm- cost £10 per space
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For more info or to book please click [here](#) to contact Maeve

\* Please note, anyone attending both level 2 & 3 training, on the same day, will need to bring a packed lunch (unless otherwise stated).

There is a safeguarding introductory guide on the Baptists Together website, this guide would be good for anyone who is new into work with children, young people or adults at risk, and as a refresher for anyone who is planning to come to training. it can be found [here](#).

## Events

*Please note - with all events advertised below, whilst we are publicising them, the views and comments expressed are not necessarily approved by the Association - unless they have been organised specifically by the Association.*

### **Induction - Revd Andrew Mumford:**

*Saturday 1 September 2018, 2.30pm*

*South Ashford Baptist Church (Brookfield Road TN23 4EY)*

All SEBA friends are invited to the Induction of Revd Andrew Mumford as full time pastor of South Ashford Baptist Church. Revd Simon Jones (Vice Principal and Director of Ministerial Formation, Spurgeon's College) will be preaching.

Refreshments served afterwards. Parking available at Willow Centre car park, Halstow Way. An offering will be taken up at the service in aid of the Spurgeon's College Student Bursary Fund and SEBA Home Mission.

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### **Bridging the Gap (with The Boys' and Girls' Brigades):**

*Saturday 8th September 2018, 9.30am to 1.30pm (2.30pm if you want to stay for lunch)*

*Grace Church (Chertsey Street, GUILDFORD, GU1 4HL)*

A morning of talks, debates and facilitated discussions around real case studies, featuring church & youth leaders from different denominations and young people sharing their own experiences.

Cost: £5 booking fee to secure your place (non-refundable) Booking online at: [www.eventbrite.com/e/bridging-the-gap-tickets-46878290228](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/bridging-the-gap-tickets-46878290228)

An any questions or for more information: Contact Carol on 07786 962311

Click [here to download a poster](#)

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### **Michard Card in Concert:**

*Saturday 15 September 2018, 7.30pm*

*Guildford Baptist Church (Millmead, Guildford, GU2 4BE)*

Tickets: £10 in advance, £12.50 on the door

Since his debut recording First Light in 1981 Michael has released over 37 albums,

written over 27 books, hosted a radio programme and podcast and toured worldwide. Known for songs such as "El Shaddai", "Love Crucified Arose" and "Immanuel" Michael is loved for the beauty of his music and the depth and warmth of his lyrics.

For event details and to book tickets, visit [www.guildfordbaptist.org](http://www.guildfordbaptist.org)

To download a poster, please [click here](#)

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**ACAT Foundation Training Course:  
for Church Treasurers, Accounts staff, financial advisors and those interested  
in working with church and charity finances:**

*Saturday 29 September 2018, 9.30am-4.00pm*

*Seaford Baptist Church (Belgrave Road, SEAFORD, BN25 2EE)*

Cost, including buffet lunch: £45

This course is primarily for Treasurers of churches whose annual income is under £250,000. Both members and non-members of ACAT are invited to enrol for the course. Dealing with all issues covered by the Charity Commission, including Rules & Regulations in Churches Accounts. The Foundation Training Course gives a good overview of all the issues a Treasurer might meet, whether you are new to the role or have been in post for many years, you will find much in the course to benefit you. Aaron Kemp, the facilitator, is a former worshipper at Seaford Baptist Church. Any queries, please contact Roger and Patricia Case on [rcasedm@aol.com](mailto:rcasedm@aol.com)

To [download a poster, click here](#)

To [download a booking form, click here](#)

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**Induction - Revd Simon Downing:**

*Saturday 29 September 2018, 3pm*

*Aldwick Baptist Church (43 Gossamer Lane, Bognor Regis, West Sussex, PO21 3DD)*

You are invited to join with all at Aldwick Baptist Church in welcoming their new Pastor, the Rev Simon Downing; and his wife, Nicky, and two daughters, Emily and Anaya.

The induction service will be conducted by Revd Paul Kerley, Regional Minister for

South East Baptist Association and the Revd Alistair Hornal will give the address.  
Refreshments will follow the service.

RSVP to Clive Bennett Church Secretary at 27 The Drive, Aldwick, PO21 4DU or [clivebennett20@btinternet.com](mailto:clivebennett20@btinternet.com)

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**Care for the Family - Playtime National Conference 2018 - Planting Seeds:**

*Saturday 29 September 2018, 9.30am-4.30pm*

*Riverside Vineyard Church (Air Park Way, Feltham, WEST LONDON, TW13 7LX)*

Playtime National conference, specifically for parent and toddler group leaders and their teams.

For more information and to see the brochure for the day go to

[www.careforthefamily.org.uk/faith-in-the-family/playtime/playtime-conference-2018](http://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/faith-in-the-family/playtime/playtime-conference-2018)

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**SEBA Pastors' Study Trip - Israel:**

*4-11 October 2018* - if you are interested, please email [stuart@seba-baptist.org.uk](mailto:stuart@seba-baptist.org.uk) for more details

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**SEBA Make A Difference (MAD) Mission:**

*20-25 October 2018 - Headcorn*

Do you want to do something worth while this year? Do you want to make a difference, share your faith, help with a mission, grow in your Christian life, learn new skills, return to your church a changed person? Then joining a 'MAD' team is for you.

For more information, check out the SEBA website - [click here](#).

Click [here for a booking form](#).

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**SEBA Ministers & Leaders Conference: 26-28 February 2019 - Ashburnham Place**

- book the date in your diary! Our guest speaker will be Revd Professor Philip McCormack MBE, Principal of Spurgeon's College.

## Advice, Resources & Information



### **Baptist Union news:**

**Baptist Union Prayer Diary for week beginning beginning 12 August:** The South West Baptist Association seeks to support, encourage and enable the 90 churches in the Association in their task of telling people the good news that Jesus changes lives. Please pray for the Association, and its team of staff and volunteers.

[www.swbaptists.org.uk](http://www.swbaptists.org.uk)

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### **Equipped to Minister - additional venue:**

Spurgeon's College is delighted to announce that their popular Saturday class, Equipped to Minister (or ETM) will be taking place at an additional venue from September 2019. ETM offers 12 self-contained modules providing high quality training for those serving in the local church. Courses will now take place at both the Spurgeon's College campus in South London and at Histon Baptist Church in Cambridge. Click here for more information or go to the website at

<http://www.spurgeons.ac.uk/lay-ministry-training>

## Jobs & Vacancies

### **Guildford Town Chaplain:**

Guildford Town Central Chaplaincy (GTCC) are looking to appoint a new Town Chaplain as their first Chaplain will be retiring at the end of 2018. These are exciting times at the Chaplaincy, as they celebrate their tenth year and work on plans for projects in the next season.

Their Chaplain has built great relationships around the town with churches, the Council, Police and commercial and voluntary organisations. And the work has been widely recognised as making a difference in the town, including receiving the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in 2015. The new Chaplain should build on those relationships and will have the ability to mould the role in a dynamic and creative manner.

The Chaplain is a focus for ecumenical activity and cooperation and is leader of GTCC's work, bringing a Christian presence and voice and offering service to people

in Guildford, in conjunction with their respected volunteer Street Angels, Community Angels and Volunteer Chaplains. The Chaplain has overall responsibility for our small staff team and oversight of our projects, answering to the Board of Trustees.

They're looking for someone who:

- is a committed Christian with experience of leadership in either an ordained/pastor or recognised lay role in a Christian church or other Christian fellowship/community.
- shares GTCC's values of being non-judgemental with selflessness, integrity, honesty, professionalism, excellence and collaboration.
- is committed to working within a cross-denominational environment
- has experience of providing pastoral care, demonstrating openness to people of any faith or none.
- has management experience and an ability to work with limited supervision.
- demonstrates a creative vision of how the Chaplaincy could continue to develop and grow its ministries in the coming years

They're offering a part-time post (3-4 days per week, with flexible hours to match the needs of the post), based at their office in Guildford's town centre and with a full time equivalent salary in the range of £30-32,000.

For more information contact [gtccapplications@outlook.com](mailto:gtccapplications@outlook.com) or 01483 505230.

To learn more about the Chaplaincy visit [gtcc.org.uk](http://gtcc.org.uk). Closing date for applications - 10 September 2018

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**Full-time Ministry Leader: Children, Youth and Families - Willesborough Baptist Church:**

Salary: £24000 - £29000 (dependent upon experience) plus pension contribution

Closing Date for applications: 10th September 2018

WBC is a vibrant community seeking to expand our work in the rapidly developing area of Ashford. This role will involve working with our current leadership & volunteers developing new, & delivering existing, discipleship & outreach projects. Are you a committed Christian with a passion for sharing the good news of Jesus with children, young people & their families? Do you have the leadership skills to

motivate & develop a team of volunteers to accomplish our vision of growing 'a passionate God-centred family, committed to sharing His life-changing power; a vision which embraces a real desire to 'grow the church younger.'

Are you looking for a new challenge?

For more information on the role or to apply for an application pack, please go to [www.wbc-ashford.org.uk](http://www.wbc-ashford.org.uk) or contact Lynn in the Office: 01233 632739 or [office@wbc-ashford.org.uk](mailto:office@wbc-ashford.org.uk)

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#### **Administrator - African Pastors Fellowship:**

APF is a registered UK charity working to empower and equip dedicated but under resourced church leaders in Africa to help them lead healthy churches that transform communities.

Following the successful launch of eVitabu, a major new innovation, APF needs to expand its UK staff by setting aside the existing UK Coordinator to focus on Project Management and appoint an experienced PA/Secretary to take over much of the day to day administration of the charity, supporting the work of the CEO and Project Manager.

For a full job description & person specification, [click here](#)

The successful candidate must have experience of administration in an office environment. They will need excellent communication skills, be highly proficient in the use of IT and social media. They will need to be able to work independently and as part of a close team; whilst working to agreed timelines and encouraging others to do the same.

Salary: £18,500 pro rata for 37.5 hours per week

Hours: 15 hours per week (i.e. £7400 per annum) [work pattern to be agreed]

Place of work: The APF office is relocating from Canterbury to Faversham as from 1st October 2018. You will be required to attend approx. 4 trustees meetings per year which usually take place in the midlands.

To apply send a copy of your CV with a covering letter explaining why you are applying for this job and outlining the key skills and experience you will bring (this should be no more than one side of A4) to – Revd David Stedman, [ceo@africanpastors.org](mailto:ceo@africanpastors.org) or Station House, Station Approach, Adisham, CT3 3JE not later than Friday 31st August 2018

Written references will be sought from your current or recent employer, church leader (if applicable) and one other person

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## Vacancies to represent SEBA across the area:

SEBA have some vacancies on groups that you may be interested in (see list below).

- Two SACRE vacancies - on the panels, who provide input into how Religious Education is taught and collective worship is undertaken in our schools - the vacancies are in LEA areas of [Surrey](#) and [Medway](#) - click on the area for the role description.
- up to two Trustee vacancies for the Kent Workplace Mission - the KWM work in Kent, Medway, Bromley & Bexley supporting people of faith, at work; developing chaplaincy ministries in workplaces and helping local Christian communities to actively engage with their local economic community. For more information, [go to their website](#)

If you are interested in being involved in this way, please email Steph [admin@seba-baptist.org.uk](mailto:admin@seba-baptist.org.uk)

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If you would like to add a church-based, or Christian charity vacancy to the weekly emailing, please let me know [admin@sebabaptist.org.uk](mailto:admin@sebabaptist.org.uk)

Please note, we cannot post vacancies for Church Minister positions, as these should go through Revd Stuart Davison, and the Settlement system.



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